

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0368:
"Playing a 6S Contract as Declarer
When You Initially Hold 2 'Losers':
What Are the Various Ways You Can
'Dump' Your 'Losers' on This Board?"**

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Esther on her "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" website has previously recommended the "**BBO Bridge Master**" website:

<https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/anon/bridgemaster>

The "**BBO Bridge Master**" website allows you to declare your skill level, then shows a series of Hands and announces the final contract, each of which you then play as Declarer. At the end of play you can then request a solution in which the optimal "Line of Play" is discussed step by step. Here we use the *free* "**BBO Bridge Master**" Level-3 **Lesson B-29** which gives you the opportunity to see and *repeatedly practice* playing a given bridge Board. Esther may have altered some of the cards in the Hands.

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¹ As noted in an article in the Winter/Spring, 2024 article in The American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Journal, https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA_1_24.pdf, Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen, the purported ACBL Double Triple Emerald Gold Platinum LifeMaster with 20+ million ACBL MasterPoints, in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So, this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

BBO Bridge Master Level 3 Lesson B-29

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (18)

S: 5 3 2
H: K Q J
D: A J T
C: A K 6 5

WEST (1)

S: T 9 7
H: 5 3
D: 9 8 7 6 5
C: J T 9

EAST (9)

S: 8
H: A T 9 8 7 6
D: K 4 2
C: Q 8 7

SOUTH (12)

S: A K Q J 6 4
H: 4 2
D: Q 3
C: 4 3 2

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2H*	2S	PASS	4NT
PASS	5D	PASS	6S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

*Although many Partnerships make pre-empt bids with holdings such as EAST's, Esther prefers to only make a 2-level pre-empt bid holding (1) **6** Trump cards and (2) either (a) **2** of the "top" **3** cards in the Suit or (b) **3** of the "top" **5** cards in the Suit.

On Trick **#1** WEST leads his Heart 5, his "highest" card in his Partner EAST's bid Suit. EAST "wins" Trick **#1** with his Heart Ace and on Trick **#2** returns his Heart 6. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick **#2** with the NORTH Dummy's Heart Queen.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "additional" potential "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. How might Declarer SOUTH be able to take care of his potential "losers"?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
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